

## A ROUSING MEETING

Of Republicans Held Last Evening.  
Good Spirit Prevails.

## ALL THE SPEECHES ENCOURAGING.

The Masses Well Represented, and Harmony and Enthusiasm Characterize the Proceedings—Everybody for the Best Man and Victory—Candidates Present With the Rest.

The mass meeting of the Republicans of Wheeling last night at the handsome new quarters of the Ohio county Republican club in the Odd Fellows building, Chapline street, was an event in local politics, and in the opinion of shrewd party men is a milestone that will mark the ending of the lack of confidence that has pervaded the Republicans when it came to a question of beating Charley Seabright in a municipal contest. A party that in a national contest carried six out of the eight wards of the city should surely not be a party to fear its opponent. The sentiment that has had such a hold on local Republicans that it is an impossibility to defeat Seabright, while at the same time they acknowledge his unfitness to be at the head of the city's affairs, has it believed met a timely demise.

The meeting was not called for any special purpose except to get the Republicans together and work up enthusiasm among them, preparatory to the coming hot municipal fight in January. Mr. J. K. Hall, president of the Ohio County Republican club, called the meeting to order shortly after eight o'clock. He said: "This meeting was called here to-night not with the intention of endorsing or in the interest of any candidate or set of candidates for municipal nominations. Its purpose was to get together the working Republicans of the city and create and infuse an interest in the contest before us. The Democracy has made its nominations for city officials for the coming year, and the result is that a considerable proportion of that party is dissatisfied with the chosen candidates, and if we put up a strong ticket next Saturday we can carry it through to victory. Now is the time for our party to get together and unite in resolving to put such a ticket in the field." Mr. Hall then nominated Dr. S. L. Jepson for chairman of the meeting, who said:

"This call on me is entirely unexpected, and I know nothing of the purpose of the meeting except the call as published in the morning paper. I suppose there is no one here or in the city but feels the importance of good, PURE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

for Wheeling. We are the metropolis of West Virginia, and are entitled to be represented by men of character, standing and ability, and of whom we will not on any occasion be ashamed. In elections of this character I have no partisanship; politics is of secondary importance. The time is here when the Republican party should put up men who will command the support of Republicans and of the fair minded Democrats of the city, and it is to be hoped the party will work toward this important end at the primaries Saturday."

Mr. William Graham was selected secretary of the meeting. Colonel Jake Kemple took the floor and like Mr. Jepson did not understand the object of the meeting. He wanted to find out "where we're at," and said: "It would make a suggestion. I have no hesitancy in saying that the city of Wheeling is not now properly governed, not in a way to reflect credit on the city. The time has come for us to nominate on our ticket practical business men. This meeting, however, has no right to take up or suggest names for candidates to be voted on Saturday. It is the province of the city executive committee to do that, and I understand they have had a meeting to-night, and had suggested to them names for the offices of mayor, city sergeant and clerk, which are to be placed on our ticket and voted for Saturday. It seems we are here only as Republicans without authority, and it would not be good politics for us to discuss any one individual for any one position, over the head of the properly delegated committee."

Mr. Kemple's remarks were applauded, he evidently voicing the sentiment of the meeting.

THE OFFICIAL TICKET.  
Mr. Kemple—"I would like to know if I am right in my premises?"

Mr. McCormick—"What does the gentleman want to know?"

Mr. Kemple repeated his question. Mr. McCormick—"The committee at its meeting to-night put Messrs. Houser, Caldwell, Campbell, Thompson and McGarrell on the ticket for mayor and Mr. Tom Bennett for sergeant."

This settled the matter, and the meeting proceeded, Hon. Geo. Atkinson making a five minute speech that was full of the stalwart Republicanism of the speaker. He said:

"I would like to say a word or two. As I understand it this meeting has been called for the purpose of suggesting and considering ways and means of carrying the city, not for the purpose of naming any candidates or agreeing on any. I endorse Mr. Kemple's remarks and think it unwise for this meeting to undertake to say before the primaries are held which one candidate shall be nominated. This meeting can be made effective, providing it does not endorse any one candidate. It can do a great deal of good in the way of exciting interest in the coming election. What we should do is to get into line and unite harmoniously, and stop saying 'Charley Seabright can't be beaten. Stop it. It is ridiculous for any Republican to say such a thing. I don't believe it. This is just the place to bury that kind of talk, resolve to do something and unite on the candidates of the party. One trouble with us is that there are too many scratchers among us. If we don't stand firm we will be defeated. If we do stand together it is a sure thing that we will nominate men Saturday who will be elected."

"We are here to get up a little bit of fresh blood, more courage and a little more determination to win. We can defeat Seabright, and are here to adopt ways and means. The times are ripe for a change in municipal affairs. Let us to-night agree to stand by the men we nominate, not scratch, and VICTORY WILL BE WITH US."

The inimitable Colonel Kemple told a story on John Cummins, the B. & O. engineer, in connection with his support of Seabright. The latter promised, says the colonel, to support John when in his power. In a couple of months Cummins was put on the Republican legislative ticket, and went to Seabright, asking his support. The latter, with many hums and haws, told him he was a "Democrat" and couldn't vote for him. Colonel Kemple said the Republicans should be "Republicans," and put it in straight.

Mr. Mike Moran wanted the meeting

to endorse the candidacy of Captain Thomas D. Bennett, but as he is the only candidate to be voted on, the sentiment seemed to be that he needed no endorsement, and Mr. Moran withdrew his motion.

Captain Davison said he thought it ridiculous for the Republicans to fear the Democracy, in the face of our achievement of carrying six out of the eight wards in November.

W. J. W. Cowden said that the 200 active Republicans present should each constitute himself a committee of one and hustle from now till after election day. He deplored the unfortunate fact that there is a certain number of Republicans who will vote for Seabright. It was Republican votes that elected Al. Franzheim sheriff, and I am ashamed of it. If Seabright or McNichol are elected it will be by Republican votes.

Mr. C. D. Thompson, one of the candidates for the mayoralty nomination, said a few words. "If the Republicans at their primaries Saturday nominate a man satisfactory to the citizens generally he will be elected. The Democracy have named a man who is not acceptable." He said he knew fifty-six Democrats who would not support Seabright.

Mr. Buckman said: "Seabright will undoubtedly draw a number of Republicans, and we want to put up a man who will outdraw him from the Democratic ranks."

Mr. Atkinson moved that the meeting "adjourn to meet at the voting places, coats off and ears painted red." Before adjournment Chairman Jepson deplored the absence of a large proportion of the business men, who should be most interested in municipal affairs. It is a strange fact that those who are most interested at the hardest to get out at the polls, but stay at home, and when the party is beaten cry about poor men getting into office.

THE Republican Candidates.  
Last night the Republican city executive committee met and made up the call for primaries on Saturday. The only names on the city ticket will be Thomas D. Bennett for city sergeant, Charles F. Schulze for city clerk, and the following for mayor: B. F. Caldwell, A. R. Campbell, C. D. Thompson, Harry Houser and A. J. McGarrell. The names will appear in this order, the committee having made the choice by putting all in a hat and drawing them out one at a time.

Fulton Republicans.  
The Republicans of Fulton will hold a convention this evening to select candidates for city offices. The meeting will be held in Koch's hall at 7:30 o'clock. All Republicans are requested to be present.

ABOUT PEOPLE.  
Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

Myer Newberger, of Parkersburg, is at the Windsor.

Mrs. Halstead and Mrs. Meyers, of Fairview, stopped at the Stamm yesterday.

Mr. George W. Thompson, president of the Ohio River road, was at the McLeure yesterday.

Col. J. M. Hall, the popular general passenger agent of the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad, was in the city yesterday.

John Fox, a glassworker employed at the new industrial town, Cental City, below Huntington, is visiting South Side last night.

Mr. Fred Conrad is here arranging for the appearance of his company in "The Old Soldier" at the Grand the last half of next week.

P. H. Close, of St. Clairsville, Hon. D. W. Gall, of Philippi, and Rev. George W. Grimes, of Moundsville, were at the McLeure yesterday.

H. T. Bickel, chief clerk in the superintendent's office, and J. W. Parish, traveling representative of the P. & C. & St. L. railroad, were in the city yesterday.

The infant child of Dr. McCullough, the South Side druggist, is seriously ill with a stomach complaint, and fears are entertained that the child will not recover.

Mr. Charles B. Ott has resigned his position with the U. S. Glass Co., to take effect January 1, when he accepts a good place with the Wheeling Lamp and Stamping Co.

Mr. F. E. Smith tells an interesting story of his experience on the C. & O. train held up by robbers at Huntington Monday night. The report that his watch was stolen, however, was a mistake.

H. A. Wright, of Sistersville, Dr. C. Shriver, of Bethany, C. D. Mason, of Davis, John Lavell, of Uniontown, S. A. Carney, of Littleton, R. W. Kelly, of Parkersburg, and J. B. White, of Hundred, were among the West Virginians at the Behler yesterday.

An Elegant Reception.  
The reception given yesterday by Mrs. John Frew at her residence on Fourteenth street was one of the most elegant affairs of the kind seen here this season. Mrs. Frew was assisted in receiving by Miss Mary Frew, Mrs. J. K. Hall, Miss Hamilton, of Washington, Pa.; Miss McClure, of Meadens, Gardner, McMechen, Tatum and Harper. The costumes of the ladies were especially elegant and beautiful, and the floral decorations were admired by all. The hostess was congratulated on all sides on the beautiful decorations. The Opera House orchestra discoursed sweet music.

Goddard Won't Meet Slavin.  
New York, Dec. 14.—Regarding the offer of the Olympic club, of New Orleans, of a purse of \$10,000 for a fight between Goddard and Frank Slavin, Billy Madden, the former's manager, said the proposition will not be accepted. "Goddard is quite willing to meet Slavin," said Madden, "but I will not permit him. He has never been defeated, while Slavin and Jackson have both suffered defeat. I do not want Goddard to enter the ring unless it is for championship honors. Jackson whipped Slavin in ten rounds and there would be no honor for Goddard in a fight with Slavin."

McAuliffe Will Accept.  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 14.—Jack McAuliffe, champion light weight, says he will accept the offer of the Crescent Club of New York to fight Berge, but that the date will have to be set after his theatrical engagements terminate in March.

Mr. Armour's Gift.  
New York, Dec. 14.—Mr. Philip D. Armour is in town with his secretary. He is going to Europe in the Majestic and will come back on her return trip. "There is no significance in my going abroad," he said. "I simply want a little rest." He said that there was very little to add to the reports of his \$1,500,000 gift to endow and equip the new Armour Institute in Chicago.

"The institute has already been turned over to the trustees," Mr. Armour said, "and there is a mission to it. The mission is non-sectarian."

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## LOCAL BREVITIES.

Matters of Minor Moment in and about the City.

THE GRAND this evening—"Good Old Times."

OPERA, House this evening—"The Colonel."

C. F. BRAUNLICH, of the Seventh ward, positively declines to run for Council.

THE young child of Henry Specht, of Woods street, South Side, died yesterday morning about 11 o'clock.

PLATE mill No. 5 at the Standard mill resumed yesterday. Two mills in the new works went on last Monday.

THE Lady Cyclers have issued invitations to their annual hop at Cyclers' hall, South Side, Thursday, the 22d.

THE South Side Athletic Club will give a dance at Westwood's hall, on the evening of the 22d. Mayor will furnish the music.

THE Presbytery of Washington, including the churches in this city, is in session at Cameron. This meeting is unimportant.

A VERY enjoyable and well attended hop took place at Westwood's hall, South Side, last night, given by a number of young men.

THERE will be a leap year dance at Cyclers' hall, Jacob street, on Monday evening, under the auspices of a number of South Side young ladies.

THE county canvassing board will meet again at 9:30 a. m. to-day to consider the signing of the bills of exceptions and take other steps to finish up the "recount."

JACK SUMMERS closed his engagement at the Grand last night in "Jerry, the Tramp." His business throughout the engagement was above the average, and he deserved it.

TRANT OFFICER THOMPSON, of Bridgeport, visited the Etma mill yesterday, found several boys of school age at work and sent them home. Three or four were found at work in the puddling department.

THERE was a lively scene on Market street south from Fourteenth yesterday. All the street car track was being torn up at once and relaid as rapidly as possible. Last night the track on Fourteenth street was torn up.

THE county jail was again visited by large numbers of people yesterday. At one time over 200 were in the building. It was a grave error of judgment to invite people there while painting was going on. Many garments were soiled by fresh paint yesterday.

ONE of the most striking operative engagements ever booked in Wheeling is that which Manager Rheinstrom offers the patrons of the Opera House on Friday, the Mapleson company, which will present "Fadette" Friday evening and Saturday matinee and "The Bohemian Girl" Saturday evening.

At the Muse Theatre this week large audiences prevail, and the show in both curio hall and theatre is far above the average museum show. In the curio hall, Cater, the boy magician; Hanlon, the knife walker; Carl, the cowboy artist; Little Franceleon, and South Sea Island Joe and his wonderful collection of curios, are the features. The stage show this week is first class in every respect.

NOTES ON NAVIGATION.  
Stage of Water and Movements of Boats. The River Interest.

The marks on the wharf show 6 feet 8 inches in the channel, and falling.

The reports from headwaters were as follows:

Morgantown—8 feet and rising; cloudy and cool.

Brownsville—8 feet 9 inches and rising; cloudy and cool.

Capt. Asa Booth left yesterday over the Pan-Handle for Pittsburgh, to take a berth as pilot in the coal trade.

Shener Sanford and Harry Ollam are the pilots on the Keystone State. They have been on her ever since she came out.

The ferryboat Susie Brown and franchise at Portsmouth, have been sold by Capt. Sam Brown to the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad for \$10,000.

To-morrow, the C. W. Batchelor, for Pittsburgh, 8 a. m.; Congo, from Cincinnati for Pittsburgh, 8 a. m., and Ben Hur, for Parkersburg, 11:30 a. m., will be the departures.

To-day the packets will be the Iron Queen, from Cincinnati for Pittsburgh, 7 a. m.; H. K. Bedford, for Pittsburgh, 8 a. m.; Sunshine, for Parkersburg, 11:30 a. m.; Hudson, for Cincinnati, 6 p. m.

Yesterday's arrivals and departures were: Hudson, from Cincinnati for Pittsburgh, 3 a. m.; C. W. Batchelor, for Pittsburgh, 8 a. m.; Lizzie Bay, from Pittsburgh for Charleston, 6 a. m.; Ben Hur, for Parkersburg, 11:30 a. m.

The Drouth Broken.  
BURNET, TEXAS, Dec. 14.—The drouth of six weeks duration has been broken by a steady slow rain of two days.

Admitted the Facts.  
Newspaper editors have to be very careful in opening their columns for statements. But aware that the Dr. Miles Medical Co. are responsible, we make room for the following testimonial from R. McDougall, Auburn, Ind., who for two years notices a stoppage or skipping of the pulses, his left side got so tender he could not lie on it, his heart fluttered, he was alarmed, went to different doctors, found no relief, but one bottle of Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure cured him. The elegant book, "New and Startling Facts," free at Logan Drug Co's. It tells all about Heart and Nervous Diseases and many wonderful cures.

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